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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: EFIN, UN, UR, US

SUBJECT: UN FINANCES

1. FOLLOWING BASED ON UNCLEARED MEMCON:

2. IN THE SECRETARY'S CALL ON SYG WALDHEIM APRIL 15, LATTER
BEGAN CONVERSATION BY REFERRING TO DESPERATE FINANCIAL
STRAITS IN WHICH UN FINDS ITSELF. HE NOTED INSTITUTION IS
HAVING DIFFICULTY MEETING ITS PAYROLL EACH MONTH AND MUST
RESORT TO UNSOUND BORROWING PRACTICES BECAUSE OF ACCUMULATED
\$90 MILLION DEFICIT.

3. IN CONSIDERING HOW TO RESOLVE THIS LONG-STANDING
IMPASSE WHICH STEMS FROM DISPUTE OF LIQUIDATION OF EARLIER
UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN MIDDLE EAST AND CONGO, HE
SAID THAT IN VIEW IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON
AND MOSCOW, HE CONCLUDES ONLY SOLUTION WOULD
BE IF U.S. AND SOVIET UNION COULD REACH AGREEMENT TO MAKE
MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS. HE CONSIDERED OPTIMUM APPROACH WOULD
BE \$30 MILLION CONTRIBUTION FROM SOVIETS, \$30 MILLION
FROM U.S. AND \$30 MILLION FROM REMAINDER OF MEMBERSHIP.
HE NOTED JAPANESE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED \$10 MILLION. AS
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PART OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION, HE PROPOSED WRITE-OFF OF

\$15 MILLION DEBT OWED U.S. BY UN.

4. SECRETARY HAD IMPRESSION U.S. HAD AGREED THIS WAS POSSIBLE TWO YEARS AGO AND AMBASSADOR SCALI CONFIRMED THIS.

5. WALDHEIM URGED THAT U.S. DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH SOVIETS BILATERALLY.

6. AMBASSADOR SCALI RECALLED THAT U.S. POSITION IS WE WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING UNLESS THE SOVIETS DO SO. SECRETARY CONFIRMED THIS IS U.S. POSITION. AT SAME TIME, SECRETARY INDICATED SYMPATHY FOR UN FINANCIAL PLIGHT AND SAID HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS MATTER NEXT TIME HE SPOKE TO SOVIETS. IF HE UNABLE TO SEE GROMYKO APRIL 15 BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK, HE SAID HE WOULD ADD THIS SUBJECT TO LIST OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED IN HIS NEXT MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS WEEK.
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